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SUBJECT : TRANSPORTATION : SETBACK FOR AEROTRAIN ?

1. PRESS REPORTS THAT PRIME MINISTER HAS DEFERRED DECISION ON REPORT SUBMITTED RECENTLY BY TRANSPORT MINISTRY OUTLINING VARIOUS OPTIONS WHICH COULD RESULT IN SCRAPPING OF CERGY-DEFENSE AEROTRAIN PROJECT . DELAY IN AEROTRAIN CONSTRUCTION TIMETABLE AND LIKELY COST ESCALATION DUE IN BOTH INSTANCE TO DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN LINEAR MOTOR DEVELOPMENT HAVE FORCED TRANSPORT MINISTRY TO ENVISAGE ALTERNATIVE OF RAIL-WAY LINE LINKING CERGY AND LA DEFENSE. PRESS ADDS THAT GOF CONFIDENCE IN AEROTRAIN REMAINS UNSHAKEN, HOWEVER, AND IF CERGY-DEFENSE PROJECT ABANDONED IT IS LIKELY THAT AERO-TRAIN PROJECT WILL BE REVIVED ON A NEW ROUTE.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GOF DOES NOT LOOK WITH MUCH FAVOR ON ALTERNATIVE MODE OF TRACTION PROPOSED BY AEROTRAIN BUILDER BERTIN FOR CERGY DEFENSE PROJECT, I.E. DRIVE WHEELS PRESSED AGAINST CENTRAL GUIDEWAY.

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